

Preliminary Amendment
Appln. No.: National Stage of PCT/JP2004/000017

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 have been amended and claims 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, have been added, to place the claims in desired appropriate form for examination. Thus all of the claims are now in appropriate form, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the examination of the pending claims.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

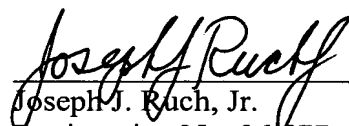
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